

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended): A powder coating composition comprising composite powder particles that are an agglomerate of individual particulate components fused or bonded together, wherein the size distribution of the agglomerated particles is up to 120µm, with a Dv.50 within the range of from 15 to 75µm, and wherein the individual particulate components comprise

- (1) one or more colored film-forming base components having a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm, and
- (2) one or more uncolored film-forming components, wherein at least one of the uncolored film-forming components is an uncolored film-forming component (2a) that (i) has a Dv.99 that is more than 20µm and (ii) has a higher Dv.99 or higher Dv.50 than the one or more colored film-forming base components (1) taken together,

wherein the ratio of the one or more colored film-forming base components to the one or more uncolored film-forming components in the composition is in the range of from 1:99 to 60:40 by weight.

Claim 2 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 10% by weight of the total film-forming components (1) and (2).

Claim 3 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein there is no more than 30% by weight, calculated on the weight of the total film-forming components (1) and (2), of one or more uncolored film-forming components (2b) having a Dv.99 (i) that is no higher than the Dv.99 of the one or more colored film-forming components taken together, and (ii) that is less than 20 μ m.

Claim 4 (currently amended): A powder coating composition comprising composite powder particles that are an agglomerate of individual particulate components fused or bonded together, wherein the size distribution of the agglomerated particles is up to 120 μ m, with a Dv.50 within the range of from 15 to 75 μ m, and wherein the individual particulate components comprise

- (1) one or more colored film-forming base components each having a Dv.99 of no more than 30 μ m, and
- (2)(a) one or more uncolored film-forming components each having a Dv.99 of more than 20 μ m and each having a higher Dv.99 and/or a higher Dv.50 than the one or more colored film-forming base components (1) taken together, and, optionally,
- (b) one or more other uncolored film-forming components[[]],

wherein the one or more colored film-forming base components (1) are [[is]] present in an amount of from 1 to 60% by weight of the total film-forming components (1) and (2), the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in a amount of from 10 to 99% by weight of the total film-forming components (1) and (2), and the one or more other uncolored film-forming components (2b) are present in an amount of up to 30% by weight of the total film-forming components (1) and (2).

Claim 5 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein there are two or more colored film-forming base components (1).

Claim 6 (currently amended): A powder coating composition comprising composite powder particles that are an agglomerate of individual particulate components fused or bonded together, wherein the size distribution of the agglomerated particles is up to 120μm, with a Dv.50 within the range of from 15 to 75μm, and wherein the individual particulate components comprise

- (1) two or more colored film-forming base components having a Dv.99 of no more than 30μm, and
- (2) one or more uncolored film-forming components, wherein at least one uncolored film-forming component[[s]] (2a) is a uncolored film-forming component (2a) that has a Dv.99 of more than 20μm and that is higher than the Dv.99 of the two or more colored film-forming base components (1) taken together,

wherein the ratio of the two or more colored film-forming base components (1) to the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2) is in the range of from 1:99 to 30:70 by weight.

Claim 7 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 6, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in a amount of at least 10% by weight of the total film-forming components (1) and (2).

Claim 8 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 6, wherein there is no more than 30% by weight, calculated on the weight of the total film-forming components (1) and (2), of one or more uncolored film-forming component (2b) having a Dv.99 (i) that is no higher

than the Dv.99 of the colored film-forming components taken together, and (ii) that is less than 20 μ m.

Claim 9 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein there is at least one uncolored film-forming component (2a) that has a Dv.99 of at least 30 μ m.

Claim 10 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 9, wherein there is at least one uncolored film-forming component (2a) that has a Dv.99 of at least 35 μ m.

Claim 11 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 10, wherein there is at least one uncolored film-forming component (2a) that has a Dv.99 of at least 40 μ m.

Claim 12 (currently amended): A powder coating composition comprising composite powder particles that are an agglomerate of individual particulate components fused or bonded together, wherein the size distribution of the agglomerated particles is up to 120 μ m, with a Dv.50 within the range of from 15 to 75 μ m, and wherein the individual particulate components comprise

- (1) two or more colored film-forming base components having a Dv.99 of no more than 30 μ m, and
- (2) one or more uncolored film-forming components, wherein at least one uncolored film-forming component[[s]] is [[a]] an uncolored film-forming component (2a) having a Dv.99 of more than 40 μ m,

wherein, the ratio of the two or more colored film-forming base components to the one or more uncolored film-forming components is in the range of from 1:99 to 60:40 by weight.

Claim 13 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 12, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 10% by weight of the total film-forming components.

Claim 14 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 12, wherein there is no more than 30% by weight, calculated on the weight of the total film-forming components (1) and (2), of one or more uncolored film-forming components (2b) having a Dv.99 (i) that is no higher than the Dv.99 of the one or more colored film-forming components taken together, and (ii) that is less than 20 μ m.

Claim 15 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the ratio of the one or more colored film-forming base components (1) to the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) is in the range of from 1:99 to 50:50 by weight.

Claim 16 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 15, wherein the ratio of the one or more colored film-forming base components (1) to the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) is in the range of from 1:99 to 40:60 by weight.

Claim 17 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 16, wherein the ratio of the one or more colored film-forming base components (1) to the one or more film-forming components (2a) is in the range of from 1:99 to 30:70 by weight.

Claim 18 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the ratio of the one or more colored film-forming base components (1) to the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) is in the range of from 5:95 to 30:70 by weight.

Claim 19 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2) are present in an amount of at least 50% by weight of the total film-forming components (1) and (2).

Claim 20 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 19, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2) are present in an amount of at least 60% by weight of the total film-forming components (1) and (2).

Claim 21 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 20, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2) are present in an amount of at least 70% by weight of the total film-forming components (1) and (2).

Claim 22 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 2, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 20% by weight of the total film-forming components.

Claim 23 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 22, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 30% by weight of the total film-forming components.

Claim 24 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 23, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 40% by weight of the total film-forming components.

Claim 25 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 24, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 50% by weight of the total film-forming components.

Claim 26 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 25, wherein the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) are present in an amount of at least 60% by weight of the total film-forming components.

Claim 27 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein there is no more than 15% by weight, calculated on the weight of the total film-forming components (1) and (2), of the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a).

Claim 28 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein there are two or more compatible colored film-forming base components (1).

Claim 29 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein the uncolored film-forming component (2a) or at least one of the uncolored film-forming

components (2) is compatible with the one or more colored film-forming base components (1) during film-formation.

Claim 30 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the uncolored film-forming component (2a) or at least one of the uncolored film-forming components is incompatible with the colored film-forming base components (1) or becomes incompatible with the one or more colored film-forming base components during film-formation.

Claim 31 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the one or more colored film-forming base components (1) contain a polyester.

Claim 32 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 30, wherein the uncolored film-forming component (2a) or at least one of the uncolored film-forming components (2) contains a polyester having a different functionality from the polyester of the one or more colored film-forming base components (1).

Claim 33 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 31, which comprises an uncolored film-forming component (2) that contains a polyester, wherein said uncolored film-forming component and the one or more colored film-forming base components (1) contain different curing agents, wherein one of the curing agents is an epoxy curing agent or a co-reactable epoxy resin.

Claim 34 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1, comprising an uncolored film-forming component (2) which is an agglomerate of an uncolored film-forming component fused or bonded to form a composite particles with a non-film-forming component.

Claim 35 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 1, which comprises an ~~wherein~~ uncolored film-forming component (2) that includes a texturing additive.

Claim 36 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 34, which comprises ~~[[a]]~~ an uncolored film-forming component (2) that includes mica.

Claim 37 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein there is at least one uncolored film-forming component (2a) that has a Dv.99 of no more than 90 μ m.

Claim 38 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 1, wherein there is at least one uncolored film-forming component (2a) that has a Dv.90 of at least 14 μ m.

Claim 39 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 38, wherein there is at least one uncolored film-forming component (2a) that has a Dv.90 of at least 18 μ m.

Claim 40 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein there is at least one uncolored film-forming component (2a) that has a Dv.90 of no more than 75 μ m.

Claim 41 (currently amended) The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein there is at least one uncolored film-forming component (2a) that has a Dv.99 in the range of from 50 to 65 μ m.

Claim 42 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein there is at least one uncolored film-forming component (2a) that has a Dv.50 in the range of from 5 to 45 μ m.

Claim 43 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 42, wherein there is at least one uncolored film-forming component (2a) that has a Dv.50 of at least 8 μ m.

Claim 44 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 43, wherein there is at least one uncolored film-forming component (2a) that has a Dv.99 of at least 40 μ m and a Dv.50 of at least 10 μ m.

Claim 45 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 43, wherein there is at least one uncolored film-forming component (2a) that has a Dv.50 in the range of from 12 to 30 μ m.

Claim 46 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein there is at least one ~~of the~~ colored film-forming base component[[s]] (1) that has a Dv.99 in the range of from 6 to 25 μ m.

Claim 47 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein there is at least one ~~of the~~ colored film-forming base component[[s]] (1) that has a Dv.50 of no more than 18 μ m.

Claim 48 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 47, wherein there is at least one ~~of the~~ colored film-forming base component[[s]] (1) that has a Dv.50 of no more than 15 μ m.

Claim 49 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of claim 48, wherein there is at least one ~~of the~~ colored film-forming base component[[s]] (1) that has a Dv.50 in the range of from 2 to 12 μ m.

Claim 50 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the one or more colored film-forming base components contain from 5 to 70 weight % of a pigment, calculated on the total weight of the colored film-forming base components.

Claim 51 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the one or more colored film-forming base components contain from 0.5 to 50 weight % of the pigment, calculated on the total weight of the colored film-forming base components.

Claim 52 (currently amended): The powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1, wherein the individual particulate components of the agglomerate include one or more non-film-forming components.

Claim 53 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 52, wherein the individual particulate components of the agglomerate include a texturing agent.

Claim 54 (previously presented): The powder coating composition of claim 52, wherein the one or more non-film-forming components constitute up to 50% by weight of the particulate components of the composition.

Claim 55 (previously presented): A kit for the preparation of powder coatings in a number of different colors comprising:

a plurality of differently colored film-forming base components, each with a Dv.99 of no more than 30 μ m, and
one or more uncolored film-forming components, each having a higher Dv.99 or a higher Dv.50 than the colored film-forming base components and each Dv.99 being more than 40 μ m.

Claim 56 (currently amended): The kit of claim 55, wherein there is at least one uncolored film-forming component[[s]] that has a Dv.99 of no more than 90 μ m.

Claim 57 (previously presented): The kit of claim 55, comprising at least 7 differently colored film-forming base components.

Claim 58 (previously presented): The kit of claim 55, comprising an uncolored film-forming component that is compatible during film-formation with the colored film-forming base components, and an uncolored film-forming component that is incompatible with the colored film-forming base components or that becomes incompatible with the colored film-forming base components during film-formation.

Claim 59 (currently amended): A kit ~~comprising~~ for the preparation of powder coatings in a number of different colors comprising:

at least 7 differently colored film-forming base components,
an uncolored film-forming component that is compatible with the colored film-forming base components and remains compatible with the colored film-forming base components during film-formation and that has a Dv.99 of more than 40 μ m and no more than 90 μ m,
and
an uncolored film-forming component that is incompatible with the colored film-forming base components or that becomes incompatible with the colored film-forming base components during film-formation and that has a Dv.99 of more than 40 μ m and no more than 90 μ m.

Claim 60 (previously presented): The kit of claim 59, comprising means for comminution of the colored film-forming base components to a powder having Dv.99 of no more than 30 μ m.

Claim 61 (previously presented): The kit of claim 55, wherein the colored film-forming base components contain a polyester.

Claim 62 (previously presented): The kit of claim 55, comprising at least 3 uncolored film-forming components.

Claim 63 (previously presented): The kit of claim 55, comprising means for agglomerating the components to produce a fluidisable powder.

Claim 64 (previously presented): A process for preparing the powder coating composition of claim 1, which comprises providing the one or more colored film-forming base components (1) and the one or more uncolored film-forming components (2a) to provide a mixture of components and mixing and agglomerating the mixture of components into composite particles such that the composition is air-fluidisable and can be applied to a substrate by electrostatic spray.

Claim 65 (currently amended): A process for preparing the powder coating composition of claim 1 from a kit comprising a plurality of differently colored film-forming base components and one or more uncolored film-forming components having a Dv.99 of more than 40µm, which comprises comminuting at least one of the colored film-forming base components to provide a powder having a Dv.99 of no more than 30µm, and mixing and agglomerating the at least one comminuted colored film-forming base component[[s]] and at least one uncolored film-forming

component having a Dv.99 or a Dv.50 higher than the Dv.99 or Dv.50 respectively of the at least one comminuted colored film-forming base component~~[[s]] taken together, respectively,~~ to form composite particles, such that the composite particles are air-fluidisable and can be applied to a substrate by electrostatic spray.

Claim 66 (previously presented): The powder coating composition prepared by the process of claim 64.

Claim 67 (currently amended): The process of forming a coating on a substrate, which comprises applying the powder coating composition of ~~claims~~ claim 1 to a substrate, and heating the applied composition to form a continuous coating.

Claim 68 (previously presented): A substrate coated by a process of claim 67.